

Legislative Council,

QUEBEC, 3rd March, 1868.

Sir,

The Committee of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL appointed to "take into consideration the subject of Immigration, and especially to report upon the best means of diffusing a knowledge of the great resources of the Province, so as to induce the influx of men of capital and manufacturing enterprise" are anxious to obtain your views as to the opportunities now presented of manufacturing in this Province many of those articles which have hitherto been imported from Europe and the United States, begging of you to enumerate such as you think can now be produced here with advantage and profit.

The Committee would be glad to know what manufactures are already established in your district?—Whether difficulty has been experienced in obtaining at all times a sufficient number of operatives?—What rates of wages generally paid to men and women?—Whether during the last two years sales at remunerative prices have been readily effected in the markets of the Province?—And the Committee further desire to receive from you full information in regard to the Commercial and Manufacturing advantages of your own district of country; and especially as to the extent of waterpower there to be found? Their object being to publish reliable facts in Europe and elsewhere, for the guidance of those disposed to emigrate.

Be pleased to favor the Committee with an early reply, and oblige,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GEORGE ALEXANDER,

Chairman.

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ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO CANADA, DURING THE YEAR 1861.

	Great Britain.	United States.
Carpets and Hearth Rugs	\$ 129,288	\$ 42,599
China-ware, Earthenware and Crockery	250,448	21,881
Clocks	1,377	27,318
Cordage	42,516	32,118
Cottons	5,110,279	567,701
Glass and Glassware	84,321	239,038
Hats, Caps and Bonnets	72,718	167,252
Hops	3,147	42,602
Hosiery	118,400	4,703
Iron and Hardware	733,433	726,970
Leather	71,431	117,742
Linen	332,433	24,887
MANUFACTURES—India Rubber		22,967
Furs	16,895	24,833
Musical Instruments	7,163	120,673
Oils, rectified and prepared	94,996	210,687
Paints and Colours	94,687	44,067
Paper	32,609	24,913
Paper Hangings	32,363	45,348
Parasols and Umbrellas	32,123	6,166
Woollens	3,956,000	268,199
Iron—Bar, Rod or Hoop	686,766	25,798
Starch		
Glue		
Soap		